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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

Gennosuke MUTOH

Inventor(s)

IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND PROGRAM

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 99 including:
  - a. 20 pages of claims (57 claims)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 20 sheets of      informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-20)
3.      Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (3 total pages)
  - a.      Newly executed (original)
  - b.      Unexecuted
  - c.      Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4.      Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.      Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.      Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.      An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8.      37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9.      Power of Attorney
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  - b.      Unexecuted
  - c.      Copy from a prior application

10. \_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

\_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations

11. \_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment

12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13. \_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.9 and ' 1.27

14. \_\_\_ If a Continuing Application, *check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:*

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Continuation of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ filed

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15. \_\_\_ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a \_\_\_ continuation  
\_\_\_ divisional of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_--

16. X Priority of application No. 2002-201612 filed in Japan on July 10, 2002, application no. 2002-312183 filed in Japan on October 28, 2002, and application no. 2003-160942 filed in Japan on June 5, 2003. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.

X A certified copy of priority application Nos. 2002-201612, 2002-312183 and 2003-160942 will be submitted in due course.

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17. \_\_\_ Other (identify)


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I hereby certify that the above-identified application of Gennosuke Mutoh, filed herewith, including Specification (99 pages), Claims (1-57, 20 pages), Abstract (1 page), 20 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1A-20), application transmittal in triplicate, and a check in the amount of \$1,416.00 for filing fee, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

  
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